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Conference News - July 2012



Congratulations to Associate Conference Minister Kathy Clark on the occasion of her call to serve with the Ministry Excellence, Support, and Authorization Team of the Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH. Kathy will begin her new ministry on September 17. Kathy's final day of work in the Southeast Conference will be August 31. There will be a reception to celebrate her thirteen years of ministry with us on Saturday, August 25 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Details will be announced soon.

Kathy will be missed by us all, but we celebrate her new ministry!

Below is the resignation letter from Kathy:

MEMO TO: The Churches of the Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ
FROM: Kathy Clark, Associate Conference Minister for Ministry Formation and Leadership Development
DATE: June 18, 2012
SUBJECT: "... in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with a great deal of thanks that I write to tell you that I have accepted a position on the national staff of the United Church of Christ, beginning September 17, 2012. I will be joining the Ministry Excellence, Support, and Authorization (MESA) Team of Local Church Ministries as the Minister for Members in Discernment. It is with sadness, but gratitude nonetheless, that I must, therefore, resign my position as Associate Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference, effective September 15, 2012.

There will be opportunities to share more words with you later, but please allow me to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you and on your behalf. I have been shaped as a minister, a person of faith, and a dedicated member of the United Church of Christ by this conference and have been touched personally by so many of you who have shared your stories and journeys with me. I intend to maintain my standing with the Georgia-South Carolina Association; the Southeast Conference will always be home to me.

I will be working closely with our Conference Minister, Dr. Tim Downs; our Administrative Executive, Ms. Gerri Ryons-Hudson; and the Associate Minister for Theological Education, Dr. Sarah Kim – indeed all of my colleagues on the staff and the Board of Directors – to insure a smooth transition as we move into the future. In the words of Paul to the Philippians (1:6), "I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." I hold you all in my heart—you, who have shared in God's abundant grace with me.

Blessings,

Kathy Clark
Associate Conference Minister

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